

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 27-30 have been amended. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 112, Second Paragraph, Rejections:

The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicants assert that the § 112 rejections have been overcome by the above amendments to claims 1 and 27-30. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-10 and 28-30 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus, Applicants assert that claims 1-10 and 28-30 are in condition for allowance.

Section 103(a) Rejection:

The Office Action rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foody et al. (U.S. Patent 5,732,270) in view of Lynch, et al. ("Web Enabled TMN Manager"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in light of the following remarks.

Claim 27 has been amended to match the amendment previously made to claim 1. The amendment does not raise any new issues since it has already been considered in regard to claim 1. Applicants assert that claim 27 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 as stated in Applicants' previous response.

Allowed Claims:

Claims 11-26 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

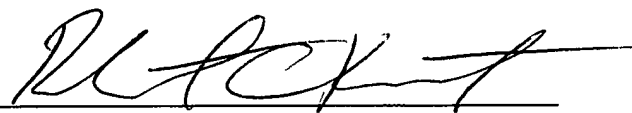
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-48300/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$
for fees ().
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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